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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1892.

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Interest for 12 months fixed, 5 per cent.

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Hongkong, 1st February, 1892. [8]

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NOTICE.

**THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
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The above Company is prepared to accept

MARINE RISKS at Current Rates on Goods,

&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world

payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,

Secretary.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD, WEST.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1892. [145]

GENERAL NOTICE.

**THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY
(LIMITED).**

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000. £53,125.25

EQUAL TO \$1,000,000.

RESERVE FUND \$18,000,000.

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MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken

at CURRENT RATE, in all parts of the

world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1891. [145]

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Eighth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Praya Central, on FRIDAY, the 11th March, at 3.30 o'clock, in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, declaring a dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th February to 1st March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1892. [229]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company on THURSDAY, the 10th day of March, 1892, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of confirming the subjoined Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 24th February, 1892:—

That in the second and third lines of Article 82 of the Articles of Association the words "one thousand five hundred dollars" be struck out, and that there be substituted therefor the words "one hundred and fifty dollars."

By Order of the Board,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment

and Agency Co., Ltd.

Agents for the Kowloon Land and

Building Co., Ltd.

Dated this, 24th day of February, 1892. [244]

**THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRD CALL of One Pound (£1) per Share is payable on or before the 1st March next.

Shareholders will please bring or send their Provisional Certificates in order to have payment endorsed upon them.

Residents at Amoy, Shanghai and Yokohama can pay at the Bank's Branches there, and at CANTON, to Messrs. SHEWAN & Co.

FOOCHOW, " M. W. GRIGG & Co.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1892. [181]

MISS STOLZ.

**M ANICURE, CHIROPODIST
AND MASSAGE.**

No. 8, COLLEGE HAMBERS,
Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1892. [169]

**D R. DENTON E. PETERSON,
AMERICAN DENTIST.**

No. 9, CONNAUGHT HOUSE,
Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1892. [215]

**MOUTRIE,
ROBINSON & Co.**

HONGKONG.

(London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama).

PIANOS By all the best makers in the World.

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COMPANY, LIMITED.**

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"It is the best Disinfectant in use."

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Hongkong, 10th June, 1888. [19]

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THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,

" Kremlin" A. B. C. Code.

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TELEPHONE,

No. 32.

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Intimations.

**CRUICKSHANK & CO., LTD.,
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CRUICKSHANK'S Cough Balsam, CRUICKSHANK'S Glycerine Jelly, CRUICKSHANK'S Balsamic Cough Lozenges, CRUICKSHANK'S Cod Liver Oil Emulsion, CRUICKSHANK'S Chlorate of Potash Tablets, CHEST PROTECTORS, Single and Double, INHALERS, GODFREY'S COUGHIL'S, &c., &c., CORK MATS, for use in Bathroom, HOT WATER BOTTLES, &c., &c., Hongkong, 16th January, 1892. [10]

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AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.
SHIP CHANDLERS AND GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.

GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTING, select but inexpensive variety.
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CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.
18, Praya Central, Hongkong. [42]

Hongkong, 14th January, 1892. [42]

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A form in which the oil may be taken without difficulty by delicate patients and children.

Per bottle, \$1.

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A combination of great value in wasting diseases, especially of the Chest and Respiratory Organs.

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BALSAM OF ANISEED AND LIQUORICE. For the relief of all catarrhal complaints, such as Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness and Soreness of the Chest, &c.

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In ordering it is only necessary to state the name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted, and initial letter for quality desired.

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Per doz. Per Case.

A Alto. Douro, good quality, Green Capsule	\$1.00
B Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule	1.10
C Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule	1.25
D Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled)	1.50
SHERRIES.	
A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule	6
B Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule	7.50
C Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule	1.00
D Superior Old Dry Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule	1.10
E Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice old Wine, White Seal Capsule	1.20
F Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled)	1.40
CLARETS.	
A Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule	4
B St. Estephe, Red Capsule	4.50
C St. Julien, Red Capsule	7
D La Rose, Red Capsule	11
MADEIRA, HOCK AND CHAMPAGNES.	
FULL PARTICULARS OF THE VARIOUS BRANDS IN STOCK ON APPLICATION.	
BRANDY.	
A. Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule	\$1.20
B. Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule	1.40
C. Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule	1.75
D. Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 Vintage, Red Capsule	2.50
SCOTCH WHISKY.	
A. Thorne's Blend, White Capsule	8
B. Watson's Glenorchy, Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark	8
C. Watson's Aclou-Glenlivet, Red Capsule with Name and Trade Mark	8
D. Watson's H K D Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule	1.00
E. Watson's Very Old Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule	1.10
IRISH WHISKY.	
A. John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule	8
B. John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule	1.00
C. John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule	1.10
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A. Fine Old Tom, White Capsule	4.50
B. Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule	4.50
C. Fine A. V. H. Geneva	5.50
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Fine Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule	12
Good Leeward Island	\$1.50 per Gallon.
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Benedictine Maraschino Curacao Heering's Cherry Cordial Chartreuse Dr. Siegert's Angostura Bitters &c.	
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"THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE,

Pedder's Hill,
Hongkong, January 23rd 1892

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While the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion of all questions affecting public interest, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in this day's issue not later than Three o'clock so as to reward the early publication of the paper.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1892.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, February 16th.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE German gunboat *Wolf* arrived here to-day from Macao.

On Saturday next (27th inst.) there will be at the Roman Catholic Cathedral at 9 a.m. a memorial service for the late Cardinal Manning.

THE COAL TRADE.

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BELOW is the ball No. 1: "Your back hair is coming down, dear." No. 2: "Oh thanks, so much—the way, your front teeth are dropping out, love!"

GERTRUDE A. THERTON says that people incapable of caring for themselves and crippled children should have their heads stuck in a barrel of chloroform, out of pure Christian charity.

THE citizens of the United States resident in Japan, or rather the missionary part of them, have sent a petition to the Chicago Exhibition Commissioners asking that the show be not opened on Sundays as proposed. "They'll be in the skyways soon."

Ir will be noted from the report of the Council meeting to-day that the seat in the Legislative Assembly was left vacant by the death of the Hon. Phineas Ryrie has been offered to Mr. E. R. Bellis, who made his *debut* this afternoon, and he is, therefore, entitled to be seated as Honorable.

THE German gunboats *Wolf*, Capt. Helhoff and *Hilf*, Capt. Müller, are going home shortly, and their reliefs are to be the *Adler* and *Eber*, which are built on the lines of the well-known English *Bastard* class.

A MONSTER totalizator is being got up over the "Civil Service Cup" in the Allahabad Races, tickets to the value of a lakh and a quarter of rupees having been distributed over India, Burma and Ceylon.

THE latest conundrum: Who will be Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce when Mr. Edwin Mackintosh goes home next month? A correspondent suggests the Immaculate "James," but we are inclined to plump for Poemster.

I SAY, Jones, I've seen even such a lot of you jokers in a book!" "You flatter me, old man. What book was it?" "I forgot the name; but it was a ducce of a book, bought at a second-hand shop—compiled, I think, by a party named Joseph Miller."

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial Hospital begs to acknowledge with thanks, the following donations to the funds of the Hospital:

The Parson's Charity Fund.....\$250

Donation from a Director's Fee 100

Anonymous (Chinese) 25

VAN TASSEL, the American balloonist, and Miss Van Tasel, the parachutist, who have been performing a number of successful descents in Madras lately, arrived in Calcutta on the 5th inst., and intend making a few trial trips in a large passenger balloon in order to test the strength and direction of the currents, for the "professor" intends starting on a trip across to Bombay about the end of this month, accompanied by Mr. Wilcox of the *Daily Graphic*. The carapace in these trial trips has accommodation for eight or ten people. If the trip across India is made, it will be the longest passage ever made in a passenger balloon.

A NOTIFICATION in the *Gazette of India* says:

—The Governor-General in Council has learnt with great regret of the death of Colonel Sir Robert Sandeman, K.C.S.I., the Governor-General's Agent and Chief Commissioner in Beluchistan. Sir Robert Sandeman had served for more than thirty years on the North-west frontier, where his loss will long be felt.

His untiring energy and the force and steadiness of his character had acquired for him a commanding influence, upon which the Government of India could always rely. He was a brave and devoted servant of the Queen, and he died as he had lived, in the discharge of his duty. The death of such a man is a public misfortune, and the Governor-General in Council deeply deplores it.

PERRHIS the most noteworthy series of military contributions to English journalism since Russell's Crimean letters has just been concluded in the letters of "Vetus" to the *Times* on the Army and War-office administration. They have been attributed to General Sir George T. Cheyne, and he was called upon by Brodrick, Under-Secretary for War, to "expatriate" himself from the suspicion of having written them. Cheyne, however, repudiated the authorship, while bearing testimony to the remarkable nature of the letters. The *Sydney Bulletin*, we note, considers that the few words in which he trounces Brodrick spit that uppermost Bumble—as fatally as a cartoonist's pin does a "moult" ("Vetus")—conclusively adopted by the *Times*—is that the Army of Great Britain is rotten to the core; and that the War Office is a model of vicious bureaucracy, and neither the *Bulletin* nor the

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is the loss to the community of a noble citizen, an upright and honourable man.

PAPERS.

The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table the report of the Government Central School for Girls (1891), the Acting Harbour Master's report on the jink trade and returns of all vessels arriving in the port (1891), the annual reports of the Acting Captain-Superintendent of police and of the Acting Superintendent of Victoria Gaol (1891), of the Finance Committee (Jan. 23) and of the Quarantine Commission appointed by the Acting Governor last year.

FINANCE.

The Acting Colonial Secretary laid on the table financial minutes recommending the payment of \$26,017.57 being £1,928 7s. 1d. at 22, 1d. to the dollar, to the War Department, part of £116,000 the Colony's contribution to the defence works of the port; also \$2,808 for a temporary Surveyor to do certain work in connection with surveys and other information required by the Sanitary Board; also \$4,45 increase of 2% per cent. in the salary of Coronet's Chinese clerk. He moved that the items be referred to the Finance Committee, which was agreed to.

On the motion of the Acting Colonial Secretary the votes recommended in the Finance Committee's report were passed.

ATTORNEYS GENERAL AND PRIVATE PRACTICE.

Mr. Whitehead suggested that one of the votes recommended in a financial minute of January 22nd be postponed, pending the publication of certain papers which he wished to show for. His question was—"Will the Government lay on the table copies of the correspondence referring to the altered position of the Attorney General?" He thought the Unofficials were hardly conversant with the reasons and grounds for the alteration by which the Attorney General was discharged from private practice.

His Excellency said there was no objection in the publication of the papers requested, but it was open to question whether it was worth while to print them. The settled policy of the Colonial Office was that Colonial Attorneys-General should cease to enjoy private practice, receiving, of course, additional remuneration instead. During his Excellency's 10 years of colonial service he had seen this change effected in the Bahamas, Barbados, and British Guiana, and the next vacancies would see it also in Trinidad and Jamaica. It would save trouble if Mr. Whitehead would refer to the papers mentioned by him—rather than have them printed and circulated.

Mr. Whitehead said he would be quite satisfied to do that.

The vote was then passed, with the rest.

NEW BILLS.

The following bills were read a first time—
Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to the grant in this Colony of Letters-Patent for Inventions.

Bill to make further provision as to the issue of Night Passes for Chinese.

Bill to amend Ordinance No. 3 of 1860, No. 15 of 1885, and No. 17 of 1891 in relation to the power of the Governor-in-Council to grant certain licences.

THE JURY LIST.

The jury list was revised by the Council, in private.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Council adjourned until Monday, March 7th.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

In the Finance Committee considerable discussion took place on the recommendation to vote \$26,037. balance of the £116,000 contribution to the defence works of the colony, passed four or five years ago. This seemed to have puzzled some of the members, who mistook it for the great "military extirpation," whereas it is an entirely different and hitherto undisputed matter. The question of exchange, whereby the Colony has to pay a good deal more than anticipated, complicates the question. Ultimately the Committee adjourned until Monday February 26th.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

SIR W. DES VŒUX.

THE B. M. M. O. A. ADDRESSES.
To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph." Sir—I have the honour by direction of the Committee of the British Mercantile Marine Officers' Association to send you the accompanying copy of an extract from a despatch received from the Liverpool Association, under date 5th ulto., which will doubtless interest many of Governor Des Vœux' nautical and other well-wishers and friends in the Far East.

The despatch in question, which was addressed to our President, Captain Samuel Ashton, A.M.A., runs as follows:

THE SUNDAY CARGO-WORKING ORDINANCE.
"The Council feel that it has been a pleasure to assist in the good work which you have so successfully carried out."

"There has been a little delay in securing the necessary signatures of the Officers of the same Associations, but this having been completed we wrote Sir W. Des Vœux asking him to name a date when it would be convenient for him to receive the address, which it was intended should be presented in public by the representatives of the Federated Associations. We have, however, received a reply from Lady Des Vœux to the effect that her husband is seriously ill, too ill in fact to open his own letters, and asking for the ceremony to be postponed. You will regret, as indeed we all do, to learn this, and we are now anxiously awaiting news of his condition. Lady Des Vœux promised to let us know when Sir William will be able to receive the presentation.

"With all kind regards to your good self, and trusting this year will be a prosperous one for you and the Association you so ably lead."

I am, My dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. J. GRYLLS,
Secretary.

It will be remembered that on the 7th May, 1891, the Mercantile Marine Officers' Association presented an address to Governor Des Vœux on board the steamer Oceanus, on the eve of his departure for Europe, and that his Excellency got a thoroughly hearty British salutation "send-off" on that occasion, being heartily cheered by the masters and officers who took part in the presentation.

It is the embossed address, which was sent on after the Governor's departure, that is to be presented to Sir William through the Federation.

Thank you in anticipation for favouring the foregoing with space in your columns.

I remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

CHESNEY DUNCAN,
Secretary.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

An extraordinary general meeting of the above named club was called for this afternoon, but turned out to be more extraordinary than general. Besides the stewards, only some half-dozen brokers and others turned up, and as there was such a very small attendance Mr. M. Gidde proposed, Mr. Sildner seconded, and it was agreed to adjourn the meeting for a fortnight, when the resolution passed on the 10th inst., empowering the Stewards to raise funds for the building of a new grand stand, will be brought forward for confirmation.

SCOTCH WIT.

The witicism which describes a Scotchman as being unable to comprehend a joke unless he is previously subjected to a surgical operation, may perhaps have had some justification in fact a century or so ago, but it decidedly cannot lay claim to truthfulness nowadays. For rich dry humour, and a rapior keenness of repartee, our neighbours across the Border will be found second to none; and, whilst their retorts are thorough gone throug, it is seldom that they are characterised by anything approaching to spite or personality. True, the following story may hardly bear out the latter assertion, but it must be remembered that in this there was an excuse for it, even had the speaker been in full possession of his faculties. The incident referred to relates how Professor Hamilton was one day walking near Aberdeen, when he met a well-known individual of weak intellect. "Pray," said the Professor, accosting him, "how long can a person live without brain?" "I dinna ken," replied Jemmy, "but auld are ye yerself?"

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For all their stern discipline and rigid observance of the rules of the Church, a strong vein of humour seems to run through the generally of Scotch ministers, and their repartees are always profane enough if he does not possess much delicacy of polish. A story told of the late Dr. Campbell will illustrate this. He was one day watching a carpenter do some repairs to this house. The carpenter whistled "Maggie Lauder," as he laboured, and worked in time to the tune. "Saunders," said the Doctor presently, "can ye not whistle a more solemn and godly tune while ye are at work?" "Ay, well, minister, if it be your will," and he immediately changed the time to the "Dead March" in *Sisis*, still plaining in time to the music. The worthy minister looked on some minutes in silence, and then said, "Saunders, I had another word to say tell ye. Did the goldwife hire ye by the day's work or by the job?" "The day's work was our agreeement, minister." "Then, on the whole, Saunders," said the Doctor, drily, "I think ye may just as well gae back to whistling Maggie Lauder." The same divine, who was exceedingly popular, on one occasion repeated his afternoon discourse in another chapel in the evening. After sermon, the Doctor, having met an old woman of his own flock (one of a class which may be seen any given Sunday picturesquely grouped on the pulpit stairs of Presbyterian churches) entered into conversation with her. "Hoos a' wi ye, Janet!" quoth the divine. "Brawly doctor, brawly.... Are ye veel enuch yourself? for ye've gien us cauld kit agen the nicht." "Hoot, Janet! you're wrang about the kail. You ken it hadn't time to cool." A capital tale, too, is that related of a father and son, in a church in the Highlands, who became severred by the Free Church rupture. They both preached in one church up to that time, but the son seceded. The congregation seceded also, leaving the old gentleman "alone in his glory." So, the church being empty, the father thought the pulpit might be also. But the Presbytery ordered him to resume his ministrations, and if he had not a congregation, he was to find one. Well, the next Sunday found the venerable pastor in the pulpit with his wife in the pew. Not another soul was present and the old man, looking down on his better half, discoursed as follows—"Ye jist, my dear, I need no lecture, gaepl'earin' that at ha'we. So we'll just gang ower the way and hear our son Tam."

A SMART REPLY.

A smart reply is credited to Sir William Thompson of Glasgow University. The late Dr. Poole, of Manchester, was a quiet and retiring man of science and a welcome occasional visitor to Sir William Thompson, who being old friends, and a story is told that at the period when Sir William was bringing out his sounding machine, in which his wife takes the place of the ordinary lead line, he showed Dr. Poole a bundle of pianoforte wire, telling him at the same time that it was for "sounding." "What note?" inquired Dr. Poole, not quite understanding. "The Deep C," promptly replied Sir William. That a Scotman can be humorous at a moment when one would expect him to exhibit his characteristic gravity is shown by the following story which Colonel W. K. Stuart tells of a Scotch subaltern at Gibraltar. The latter was on duty on guard with another officer, who unfortunately fell down a precipice and was killed. Now, in the guard reports there is a singular addendum—viz. N. B. Nothing extraordinary since guard mounting—the meaning of which is that in case anything particular should occur, the officer commanding the guard is bound to mention it. Our friend, however, said nothing about the accident that had occurred to his brother officer, and some hours after the brigade major came to his quarters, ed the part of the officer commanding, with the report in his hand is demand an explanation. The brigadier-major addressing him said, "You say, sir, in your report 'nothing extraordinary' since guard

mounting; when your brother officer, on duty with you, has fallen down a precipice, 400ft. and been killed." "Weel, sir," replied B., "I dinna think there's anything extraordinary in it av, if he'd faun done a precipice 400ft. and been killed. I should ha' thought it very extraordinary indeed, and wad ha' put it doon in my report."

PRACTICAL WIT.

That Scotchmen have a due appreciation of "Silence and Fun" was discovered by Mr. Maclaurin, the celebrated Professor of Mathematics in Edinburgh College, and the able exponent of Newton's "Principia." The professor, unfortunately, always dislocated his jaw, and was unable to shut his mouth, when he yawned. At the same time his instinct of imitation was so strong that he could not resist yawning when he witnessed the act in others. His pupils were not slow in discovering and taking advantage of this physical weakness. When tired off his lecture they either began to yawn, or to open their mouths in imitation of that act, and the professor was interrupted. The professor stood before them with his mouth wide open, and could not proceed till he rang for his servant to come and shut it. In the meantime, the mischievous enemies of Euclid effected their escape. This was rather hard on the Professor, as was a dearterker's reply to a sportsman, who, after a series of inexorable misses, remarked, "Well, Donald, whose fault was it that time?" "Weel," quoth Donald "he wasn't more than a hundred yards away, and it's not my fault you missed him j and it wasn't the fault of the stag, for he stood still enough; and it's not the fault of the rifle, for I ken well it's a right good one; see I'll just leave it to ye to think it over an' find out whose fault it was." We can quite imagine the poor markman's feelings at receiving such an answer.

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Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.—157 per cent. prem. sales.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £4,000 paid up—374 per cent. dis. sellers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$180 per share, buyers.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—\$10 per share, sales and sellers.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$18 per share, sales and sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—21 per cent. premium. sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent. premium. buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$90 per share, sellers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$61 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance—Ts—255 per share, sales and buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$101 per share, sales and buyers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—\$102, buyers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Ts—150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$305 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$90 per share, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$34 per share, sales and sellers.

China and Manilla Steam Ship Company—38 per share, sellers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—25 per cent. discount, buyers and sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$37 per share, sales and buyers.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$85 per cent. premium, sellers.

Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$14 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$50 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s St—per cent. Debentures—\$50.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$8 per share, buyers.

The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited—nominal.

The Shamoon Hotel Co., Limited—\$10, sellers.

Punjab and Sungai Dua Samantan Mining Co.—\$2 per share, buyers.

The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—65 cents per share, sellers.

Imurli Mining Co., Limited—\$78 per share, sellers.

The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$1 per share, nominal.

Tonquin Coal Mining Co.—\$335 per share, sales and sellers.

The Jelutong Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sales and buyers.

The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—40 cents per share, sellers.

London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$10, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$163 per share, sellers.

Luau Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$54 per share, sellers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$19 per share, buyers.

Crickschaw & Co., Limited—nominal.

Hongkong, Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sales and sellers.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$10 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$70 per share, sales and buyers.

The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$23 per share, buyers.

The Labuk Plating Co., Limited—\$2 per share, sales.

The China-Borneo Co., Limited—nominal.

H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$38 per share, sales and sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$60 per share, sales and sellers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$117 per share, sales and buyers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$120 per share, nominal.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$77 per share, ex. div., buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$55 per share, sellers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—Bank T. T. \$11;

Bank Bills, on demand \$11;

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight \$11;

Credits at 4 months' sight \$100;

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight \$10;

ON PARIS—Bank T. T. \$10;

Bank Bills, on demand \$10;

Credits at 4 months' sight \$70;

ON INDIA—Bank T. T. \$10;

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